



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0253	Title:	File campaign advertising text with commissioner of political practices
Primary Sponsor:	Cooney, Mike	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$4,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>(\$4,400)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. Rulemaking is required. The total estimated cost for contracted legal expenses in FY 2008 assuming a low to moderate level of difficulty is \$4,000. The cost of contracted services to have the proposed rules formatted per ARM regulations will add \$400 in FY 2008 (40 hours @ \$10/hour.) Total rulemaking estimated at \$4,400.
2. Since filing is voluntary and the potential fine for false swearing is significant (\$5,000), parties may opt to simply not file. Under this assumption, there may be no additional costs.
3. If Montana broadcasters jointly determine that it will be their policy that all advertising subject to these provisions must be filed with the Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP), the costs of the additional office functions would include: filing and storage, responding to inquiries regarding those filings, and on-line disclosure by scanning and posting of the relevant documents to the CPP website.
4. Most significantly, costs could become relatively high if this new program prompts formal complaints to CPP. Under this scenario, costs for contracted legal services (which are paid on a time and materials basis) could be significant.
5. The fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be measured.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$4,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$4,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$4,400)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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